

## **NUTRITION COORDINATING COMMITTEE UPDATES FEBRUARY 2013**

*The following updates were provided in written form only; an in-person meeting did not take place in February. The next meeting will be March 7, 2013.*

### **INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN NUTRITION RESEARCH (ICHNR)**

The meeting of the recently reconvened ICHNR took place on January 14, 2013. The ICHNR aims to improve coordination and increase the effectiveness and productivity of federal agencies engaged in nutrition research. The Committee is co-chaired by Dr. Catherine Woteki, USDA Chief Scientist and Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics, and Dr. Howard Koh, Assistant Secretary for Health in the Department of Health and Human Services. Members include representatives from the USDA, HHS, Department of Defense, Veterans Administration, Federal Trade Commission, National Science Foundation, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), NASA and the OSTP.

Initially, the ICHNR will focus on updating the Human Nutrition Research Information Management (HNRIM) system, refining the Dietary Guidelines and Dietary Reference Intake process, and developing a comprehensive research strategy. The First Three subcommittees re-constituted at the initial meeting are 1) the Dietary Reference Intakes co-chaired by David Klurfeld and Pam Starke-Reed, the Dietary Guidelines for Americans co-chaired by Rick Olson and Robert Post and the Human Nutrition Research Information Management (HNRIM) system chaired by Jim Krebs-Smith.

### **UPDATE FROM THE OFFICE OF DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION**

#### **Dietary Guidelines for Americans**

A slate of nominees for the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee (DGAC) is currently being reviewed by the leadership of HHS and USDA, prior to selection by the HHS and USDA Secretaries. The charter giving the authority to establish the Committee was signed by Secretary Sebelius on January 9, and on February 5<sup>th</sup>, the *Establishment of the 2015 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee* was published in the Federal Register. Plans to conduct the first meeting of the DGAC in the spring are still moving forward.

The February 5, 2013 HHS Federal Register Notice is posted at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-02-05/html/2013-02502.htm>

Rick Olson and Rob Post gave an overview of the 2015 Dietary Guidelines for Americans process and the progress on the Birth to 24 Months Project at the ICHNR meeting on January 14th. They were requested to co-chair an ICHNR Dietary Guidance Subcommittee that will provide a mechanism for agencies with food and nutrition programs to share concerns and insights, and to provide input into the development of the Dietary Guidelines for American and the birth to 24 months dietary guidance project. Several NIH institutes and other agencies within HHS and USDA will be represented as will DoD and perhaps other departments/agencies.

### **Physical Activity Guidelines**

ODPHP will release the *Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans Midcourse Report* at the Partnership for a Healthier America (PHA) Summit on March 8, 2013 in Washington, D.C. A panel discussion will include brief presentations by several PAG Midcourse Report subcommittee members

In conjunction with ODPHP, ASTHO presented a webinar on January 30<sup>th</sup> entitled “How State Public Health Can Sustain and Support the Physical Activity Guidelines.” Katrina Butner from ODPHP presented on the *Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans, 2008*.

### **Healthy People 2020**

There was a Progress Review on Cancer and Genomics on February 6, which was the first in a series of webinars focused on tracking and measuring the progress of Healthy People 2020 objectives. The recorded webinar will be posted when available. See link below:

<http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/learn/webinarsArchive.aspx#cancer>

### **HNRIM UPDATE**

Mr. Jim Krebs-Smith expects the NIH FY 2012 nutrition data to be available in early February, at which time it will be downloaded to HNRIM. ICs will be notified as soon as the data is ready for coding to proceed.

### **NIH – NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH ACTIVITIES**

1. National Registered Dietitian Day will be commemorated on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at NIH. Look for posters listing “Meet the Dietitian” events at the Building 10, 31, and 45 (Natcher) cafes and enjoy chef displays and recipe tasting events. Learn

about ways to adopt the 2010 *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* recommendations and “Eat Right, Your Way, Every Day! “

2. Gluten Disorders: Scientific, Dietary, and Consumer Education Perspectives

On Friday March 22, 2013 the DNRC will be sponsoring a half-day symposium on *Gluten Disorders: Scientific, Dietary, and Consumer Education Perspectives* on the NIH campus. Speakers will include Dr. Alessio Fasano, Chief, Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition, Director of the Center for Celiac Research and Director of the Mucosal Immunology and Biology Research Center at MassGeneral Hospital for Children; Dr. David Klurfeld, National Program Leader for Human Nutrition, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, Beltsville, MD; Ms. Rhonda Kane, a Consumer Safety Officer with the Food and Drug Administration, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition; and Ms. Rachael Lopez, an RD at the NIH-Clinical Center. Participants will also hear from a panel of registered dietitians who will discuss retail and food service challenges and opportunities.

Registration will be available on the [DNRC website](#) starting March 1<sup>st</sup>. The event is free, but registration is required.

## **FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT – USDA AGRICULTURE AND FOOD RESEARCH INITIATIVE - CHILDHOOD OBESITY PREVENTION**

The FY 2013 AFRI - Childhood Obesity Prevention is now available for public viewing.

### **NIFA Funding Opportunity Page:**

<http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/childhoodobesityafri.cfm>. This page includes links to the request for applications (RFA), the NIFA Grants.gov Application Guide, the application package, and abstracts of funded projects.

### **Grants.gov Synopsis Page:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=1H2VRVxZ3dD4VdbRwGZGcdPwVh4mhVVnjfZMxLCg1PbhrQGH4v5Q!-1413871233?oppld=219773&mode=VIEW>. This page includes a synopsis of the funding opportunity, a link to the full announcement (RFA) and the application package.

### **Grants.gov Application Package:**

<http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/jsf/downloadApplicationPackage.faces?id=163910>. This page links to the application instructions and the application package.

**NUTRITION COMMUNITY NEWS: REMEMBERING DR. NEVIN SCRIMSHAW**

On February 8<sup>th</sup> the nutrition community lost a true giant in the field of nutrition and global health. Dr. Nevin Scrimshaw, who dedicated his career to the alleviation of hunger and malnutrition, passed away just days after his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. He will be missed.

For more information on Dr. Scrimshaw's distinguished career:

<http://web.mit.edu/newsoffice/2013/nevin-s-scrimshaw-obituary-0211.html>